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- 1. The Kroeger shippard in Warnemuende, a small concern which in the past employed 60-80 workers, has recently been made a subsidiary of the Wismar shippard. Although the Kroeger shippard is a socialized concern, the plant, to all practical purposes, is said to be actually managed by the Soviet authorities.
- 2. By the beginning of October the number of workers had been increased to 250; it is planned to reise the number of workers in the next few months to over one thousand men. Buildings and installations will be considerably enlarged, so that the Kroeger shippard actually continues only in name. Beginning in 1948 this yard will be used for the repair of seagoing vessels of over 10,000 gross registered tons, the first of which will be a 12,000 ton ship.
- The compound of the Kroeger shipyard, lying considerably nearer the Baltic Sea then either the Neptun yard in Rostock or the repair ship-yards in Wismar, is well suited for the repair of seagoing vessels; it will, however, be necessary to dredge the river Warnow from its estuary to the shipyard, i.e., for about 1½ kilometers, from a depth of four to approximately seven meters. This work is to be carried out within the next ten weeks.
- 4. According to a special order, the reilway car factory which was formerly attached to the Wismur shippard was not permitted to finish repair work on railway cars although the necessary materials were available. The workers of the car factory were immediately assigned to the shippards to help in the repair of former German seegoing vessels which are destined for Russia.
- 5. The Mars, a seagoing vessel of approximately 4,000 tons, is being reconstructed in the Wismar shippards. It is planned to use this ship for naval research work and to provide it with about one hundred cabins to house the scientific staff and the nautical equipment which is being supplied from Russia.

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